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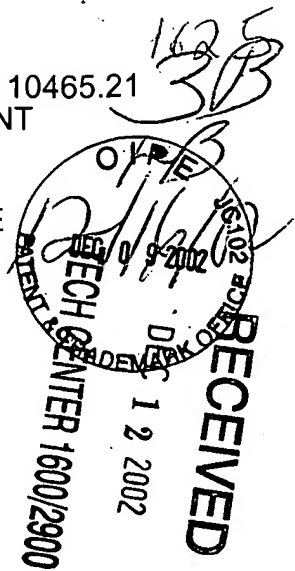
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,  
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SIR:

Supplementing Preliminary Amendment A filed February 6, 2002, prior to examination in the above-identified application, please make the following amendments:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 3, lines 4-11, please replace the paragraph with the following:

B1 -- In one embodiment,  $R_2$  is an ester ( $R_{2a}C(O)O-$ ), a carbamate ( $R_{2a}R_{2b}NC(O)O-$ ), a carbonate ( $R_{2a}OC(O)O-$ ), or a thiocarbonate ( $R_{2a}SC(O)O-$ ) wherein  $R_{2a}$  and  $R_{2b}$  are independently hydrogen, hydrocarbyl, substituted hydrocarbyl or heterocyclo. In a preferred embodiment,  $R_2$  is an ester ( $R_{2a}C(O)O-$ ), wherein  $R_{2a}$  is aryl or heteroaromatic. In another preferred embodiment,  $R_2$  is an ester ( $R_{2a}C(O)O-$ ), wherein  $R_{2a}$  is substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, furyl, thienyl, or pyridyl. In one particularly preferred embodiment,  $R_2$  is benzoyloxy. --.

On page 3, line 34 though page 4, line 18, please replace the paragraph with the following:

B2 -- While  $R_9$  is keto in one embodiment of the present invention, in other embodiments  $R_9$  may have the alpha or beta stereochemical configuration, preferably